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¶11. (U) The Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK) just announced that the national elections will take place beginning on December 27. The silver-lining to a nation that now must spend its holiday season embroiled in what promises to be turbulent elections is that most people will be visiting family for Christmas and able to vote in their home villages.

¶12. (SBU) In other news, President Kibaki signed the Political Parties Bill into law on October 20. As reported in reftel, passage of this legislation is a very positive step toward curtailing the proliferation of fly-by-night political parties (which now number 141 in Kenya) and the rampant aisle-hopping and political gamesmanship that have plagued Kenyan politics in the past. It also promises to increase transparency and accountability in the campaign finance process.

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